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HB 2001 – Chapter 182 – *defensive driving schools

Allows an eligible person to attend any Supreme Court certified defensive driving school after December 31, 2008 if the court has a contract with a primary provider that expires or is renewed after July 1, 2007.

HB 2051 – Chapter 146 – motorcycle safety fund

Removes the \$150,000 cap from the Motorcycle Safety Fund and renames the existing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council the *Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council*.

HB 2052 – Chapter 39 – vehicle use; causing death; injury

Resolves a conflict created by different amendments to the same section of law during the 2006 legislative session. Adds the failure to stop for a school bus violation as a criminal violation of causing death or serious physical injury by use of a vehicle if it is determined the operator obtained the driver's license by submitting false information and commits a civil traffic violation.

HB 2226 – Chapter 185 – *traffic tickets; collections; civil penalties

Prohibits the court from initiating collection procedures on unpaid civil penalties if the unpaid civil penalty is for a violation that occurred more than 36 months before the court initiates collection proceedings, and in addition to other conditions, the court has no paper or electronic record of taking action to collect the unpaid penalty.

HB 2228 – Chapter 214 – *commercial driver licenses

Modifies laws relating to Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) including the requirement for the Motor Vehicle Division to keep records of violations committed by CDL holders in any type of motor vehicle. Prohibits the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) from issuing a CDL to a person who fails to demonstrate proficiency in the English language as determined by ADOT.

HB 2367 – Chapter 77 – *ADOT; bid requirements; annual adjustment

Adjusts the construction or reconstruction minimum threshold for ADOT project bids by the annual percentage change of the GDP price deflator. Raises the bid threshold from \$50,000 to \$189,000.

HB 2753 – Chapter 278 – vehicle impoundment and immobilization

In addition to numerous clarifying changes to existing statutes related to the impoundment and the immobilization of motor vehicles, requires storage charges for impounded vehicles to be subject to a contractual agreement between the political subdivision and a tower, but not to exceed a maximum of \$15 per day, including storage charges incurred subsequent to the 30 day impoundment period. Prohibits a towing company, storage yard, facility or person that has physical possession of a vehicle from refusing access or charging a fee during normal business hours to an ignition interlock device manufacturer or installer or a person who is listed as a lien holder on the Arizona Department of Transportation's records for the purpose of removing the interlock device from the vehicle or assessing the vehicle's condition.

SB 1006 – Chapter 141 – *public records; confidentiality

Adds to the categories of people eligible for redaction of personal information maintained by governmental entities to include a victim of domestic violence or stalking who is protected by an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment.

SB 1029 – Chapter 219 – DUI; 0.20 concentration enhancement

Requires a person convicted of driving under the influence for the first time with a blood alcohol content of less than 0.15 to install an Ignition Interlock Device for 12 months from the date the Motor Vehicle Division receives the conviction. Increases the jail time, fines and ignition interlock requirements for a conviction of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.20 percent or greater.

SB 1061 – Chapter 27 – automobile theft authority: continuation

Establishes the new termination date of the Automobile Theft Authority as July 1, 2012.

SB 1076 – Chapter 29 – pedestrian control signals

Permits symbols of a walking person and an upraised hand to be used as pedestrian control signs.

SB 1118 – Chapter 154 – vehicle accidents; minimum reporting requirement

Increases the criminal penalties for hit-and-run accidents.

SB 1131 – Chapter 155 – traffic violations; statute of limitations

Increases the time allowed to commence a civil traffic violation case involving death from 180 days to 1 year.

SB 1161 – Chapter 32 – HOV lanes; motorcycles; buses

Conforms state law to federal regulations by allowing motorcycles and public transportation vehicles with fewer than 2 passengers to drive in a HOV lane and defines *public transportation vehicle* as a vehicle that provides a public transportation service and either is owned or operated by a public entity or is operated under a contract with the public entity.

SB 1252 – Chapter 195 – *extreme DUI; sentence

Removes the judge's discretion to suspend a portion of the jail time for a conviction of an Extreme Driving Under the Influence violation and allows the judge to order the person not to consume alcohol for a period of 30 days or more demonstrated through continuous alcohol monitoring or twice daily alcohol testing.

SB 1531 – Chapter 171 – vehicle emissions; inspection; sunset extension

Extends the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program until January 1, 2017, and allows a motorcycle or constant 4-wheel drive vehicle to pass an onboard diagnostic check required by the emission standards established in the Clean Air Act.

SB 1596 – Chapter 60 – salvage titles; insurance company applications

Removes the requirement for an insurance company or authorized agent to supply the registration card and license plates of a vehicle to the Motor Vehicle Department to obtain a salvage certificate of title or nonrepairable vehicle certificate of title.

SB 1640 – Chapter 296 – foreign motor carriers

Conforms regulations and restrictions on foreign motor carriers and foreign private motor carriers to Federal rules and regulations. Expands the jurisdiction of municipal and justice courts relating to civil and misdemeanor criminal violations in Title 28, Arizona Revised Statutes. Establishes a 10-member Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee for the purpose of making recommendations on legislative issues that should be addressed in the next legislative session and clarifies that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) may use Regional Area Road Fund monies to purchase property for transportation uses. Allows ADOT to accept donations from a veterans' organization for establishing a plaque or monument on the veterans' portion of Interstate 17.